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APPELLANT'S APPEAL BRIEF

This Appeal is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 from the Final Rejection of Claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 21-23, as provided in the Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2006. The Notice of Appeal was filed November 3, 2006 with a Pre-Appeal Brief Review was mailed November 28, 2006.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is Henry E. Argasinski.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other prior or pending appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings known to Appellant or Appellant's legal representative which may be related to, may directly affect, may be directly affected by, or may have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 21-23 stand rejected and are being appealed.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

An Amendment was filed on September 5, 2006 subsequent to final rejection. The Amendment was not entered, as stated in the Advisory Action mailed October 13, 2006.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

An explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal follows. References to the Specification are made by page number, paragraph number, and paragraph line number of the original application. In addition, reference is made to an amendment to the Specification made in the Amendment mailed on August 8, 2005. The Specification was amended to include

language from Appellant's provisional application which was incorporated by reference in the pending application.

A. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 21

Claim 21 recites a method comprising transposing an actual image of a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block as a navigable image within an internet site. *See* p. 4, paragraph [0015] to p. 5, paragraph [0017], and Figure 2 of the original application and p. 2, paragraph [0015.1] of the Amendments to the Specification. Specifically, Figure 2 shows a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block. Paragraph [0017], line numbers 1 to 3, explain that the detailed graphical view of the retail location 38 includes an actual image of the retail location, which has been transposed as a navigable image within the internet site. The internet site is explained in paragraph [0015], line numbers 1 to 5. Paragraph [0015.1], line numbers 4-6, explain that storefronts may be represented through photographs and stitched together to form a city block.

Claim 21 also recites allowing a user to scroll a point of view of said navigable image left or right within said internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts. *See* p. 4, paragraph [0015] to p. 5, paragraph [0017] and Figure 2 of the original application and p. 2, paragraph [0015.1] of the Amendments to the Specification. Specifically, paragraph [0015.1], line numbers 6-8, explain that the representation provided would have the ability to move the point of view from left to right (or reverse) to give the viewer an impression of walking down a

street. Figure 2 shows navigational buttons 41, including "GO LEFT 1 BLOCK" and "GO RIGHT 1 BLOCK" for moving the point of view along the city block to the left or right by one block. Paragraph [0017], line numbers 7-8, explain that as the virtual shopper navigates, the images scroll to provide the feel of walking through the retail the location.

Claim 21 also recites providing customer selectable links within said navigable image. See p. 5, paragraph [0018] and Figure 2 of the original application. Specifically, paragraph [0018], lines 1 to 3, explain that intermittently dispersed throughout the images of the retail location 38 are links, or "hot-spots" 42, which the virtual shopper may "click-on" or otherwise select.

B. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 22

Claim 22 recites a method comprising providing a navigable image of a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block. *See* p. 4, paragraph [0015] to p. 5, paragraph [0017], and Figure 2 of the original application and p. 2, paragraph [0015.1] of the Amendments to the Specification. Specifically, Figure 2 shows a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block. Paragraph [0017], line numbers 1 to 3, explain that the detailed graphical view of the retail location 38 includes an actual image of the retail location, which has been transposed as a navigable image. Paragraph [0015.1], line numbers 4-6, explain that storefronts may be represented through photographs and stitched together to form a city block.

Claim 22 also recites scrolling a point of view of said navigable image left or right within an internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction

along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts. *See* p. 4, paragraph [0015] to p. 5, paragraph [0017] and Figure 2 of the original application and p. 2, paragraph [0015.1] of the Amendments to the Specification. Specifically, paragraph [0015.1], line numbers 6-8, explain that the representation provided would have the ability to move the point of view from left to right (or reverse) to give the viewer an impression of walking down a street. Figure 2 shows navigational buttons 41, including "GO LEFT 1 BLOCK" and "GO RIGHT 1 BLOCK" for moving the point of view along the city block to the left or right by one block. Paragraph [0017], line numbers 7-8, explain that as the virtual shopper navigates, the images scroll to provide the feel of walking through the retail the location. Paragraph [0017], line numbers 1 to 3, explain that the detailed graphical view of the retail location 38 includes an actual image of the retail location, which has been transposed as a navigable image within the internet site. The internet site is explained in paragraph [0015], line numbers 1 to 5.

Claim 22 also recites communicating between a remote computer and said internet site to navigate said navigable image and select links within said navigable image. See pp. 3 to 4, paragraph [0014], p. 5, paragraph [0017] to p. 6, paragraph [0018], and Figures 1 and 2 of the original application. Specifically, paragraph [0014], lines 12 to 15, explain that the server 12 is programmed to host an internet site. Paragraph [0017], lines 1 to 11, explain navigation of the navigable image. Paragraph [0018], lines 1 to 5, explain selection of links within the navigable image.

C. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 23

Claim 23 recites a method comprising scrolling images of an actual location as a navigable image on a website. *See* p. 4, paragraph [0015] to p. 5, paragraph [0017], and Figures 1 and 2 of the original application, and p. 2, paragraph [0015.1] of the Amendments to the Specification. Specifically, paragraph [0017], lines 7 to 11, explain that the images scroll to provide the feel of walking through the retail location. Paragraph [0015], lines 1 to 10, explain that the internet site is enabled for the virtual shopper to select a desired, regional retail location for navigating a graphical representation of the retail location.

Claim 23 also recites navigating said navigable image in a left or right manner by communicating commands from a remote computer to a server computer hosting said website that move a point of view of said navigable image in a direction along actual store window displays while maintaining said point of view directed toward said actual store window displays to give a viewer an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall while viewing said actual store window displays. See p. 3, paragraph [0014] to p. 5, paragraph [0017] of the original application, and p. 2, paragraph [0015.1] of the Amendments to the Specification. Specifically, paragraph [0015.1] explains that the representation has the ability to move the point of view from left to right (or reverse) to give the viewer an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall. Paragraph [0015], lines 7 to 10, explain that the internet site provides a series of command buttons 41 that the virtual shopper selectively manipulates to navigate the retail location. Figure 2 shows navigational buttons 41, including "GO LEFT 1 BLOCK" and "GO RIGHT 1 BLOCK" for moving the point of view along the city block to the left or right by one block. Paragraph [0017], line numbers 78, explain that as the virtual shopper navigates, the images scroll to provide the feel of walking through the retail the location. Paragraph [0014], lines 12 to 15, explain that the server 12 is programmed to host an internet site. Paragraph [0017], lines 1 to 11, explains navigation of the navigable image.

VI. GROUNDS FOR REJECTION TO BE REVIEWED ON APPEAL

Claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferreira U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0034661. *See* Final Office Action mailed May 3, 2006. This ground for rejection is to be reviewed on appeal.

VII. ARGUMENT

To anticipate a claim, a reference must teach each and every element of the claim. MPEP § 2131. The "identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim." *Id.*, *citing Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The "elements must be arranged as required by the claim." MPEP § 2131 *citing In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831 (Fed. Cir. 1990). As described in more detail below, the Ferreira reference does not teach each and every element of claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 21-23 and does not show the identical invention in as complete detail as, and arranged as required by, claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 21-23.

The Ferreira reference does not teach or suggest scrolling a point of view of a navigable image left or right within an internet site by moving the point of view in a direction along a city block while maintaining the point of view directed toward a group of adjacent storefronts of the city block. Rather, Ferreira discloses simple rotational

movement of a camera around a stationary point. The Examiner's argument that the rotational camera movement of Ferreira is anticipatory confuses movement of the "point of view" along a city block with rotational movement of a camera on a stationary point. In Ferreira, the point of view is fixed during camera rotation. The point of view is not moved left or right "along a city block." The Examiner's interpretation ignores the claim's recitation of movement of the "point of view" in a direction "along a city block" and incorrectly equates the recited movement of the "point of view" with Ferreira's rotational camera movement.

For purposes of argument, dependent claims are grouped with their respective independent claims.

A. APPELLANT PREDATES ANY NEW MATTER NOT DISCLOSED IN FERREIRA'S PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO. 60/182,282.

At the outset, Appellant notes that, pursuant to the Declaration of January 18, 2005, Appellant completed the invention in this country prior to February 14, 2001, which is the effective date of U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0034661 to Ferreira. While the Ferreira utility patent application claims the benefit of Ferreira's provisional patent application No. 60/182,282 filed February 14, 2000, to the extent the utility application includes new matter not disclosed in the provisional application, Appellant pre-dates the new matter.

B. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 21 AND DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-9

Claim 21 recites a method comprising: transposing an actual image of a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block as a navigable image within an internet site;

allowing a user to scroll a point of view of said navigable image left or right within said internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts; and providing customer selectable links within said navigable image. The Ferreira reference does not teach allowing a user to scroll a point of view of said navigable image left or right within said internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts.

Compared to Ferreira, the following aspects of these claim limitations are distinctive: the point of view is moved in a direction along the city block; and the point of view is directed toward the group of adjacent storefronts while it is moved. Ferreira does not teach this type of navigation. As supported by Appellant's specification, it is the movement of the point of view in this manner, in a direction along the city block while directed toward the city block, that gives the viewed the impression of walking down a street while viewing the storefronts. See Specification, paragraph [0015.1]. In other words, viewing storefronts while walking down the street would require one to walk with one's head turned over one's shoulder, in the direction of the storefronts. This is the impression given by allowing a user to scroll the point of view left or right by moving the point of view in a direction along the city block while maintaining the point of view directed toward the group of adjacent storefronts of the city block.

Ferreira, on the other hand, describes movement of a stationary camera around a fixed point. *See* Ferreira utility application, U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0034661, p. 6 [0071]; and Ferreira provisional, p. 5. Specifically, the Ferreira utility application provides:

The navigation may take place in a smooth and continuous manner, giving the user the impression of actual movement. <u>That is, the user may feel</u> that he or she is actually moving his or her head to get a different view of the city block.

Ferreira utility app., p. 6, [0071] (emphasis added).

The Ferreira provisional application similarly provides:

"Web-surfers will be able to use their mouse (or the arrows on their keyboard) to move the camera <u>around</u>. Simply clicking on the image and holding down either the left or right mouse button will alter the camera's perspective and create the appearance of movement. Camera functionality will include: pan left, pan right, pan up, and pan down, or any combination thereof, and zoom in and out."

Ferreira provisional app., p. 5 (emphasis added).

The camera movement described by Ferreira is "around" a fixed camera point. This is clear from the camera controls: pan left, pan right, pan up, and pan down. In Ferreira, when the camera pans up, the camera simply tilts back and points upward, as opposed to the camera raising off the ground toward the sky. When the camera pans down, the camera simply tilts forward and points downward, as opposed to the camera dropping down into the ground. Likewise, when the camera pans left or pans right, the camera simply rotates to the left or to the right from the viewer's fixed location. As made clear by the utility application, this fixed point rotational movement is akin to moving the viewer's head around.

This is not the function of the method recited by claim 21, which recites allowing a user to scroll a <u>point of view</u> left or right by <u>moving the point of view</u> in a direction <u>along a city block</u> while maintaining the point of view <u>directed toward</u> a group of adjacent storefronts. In other words, rotation of a camera on a fixed point does not amount to movement of the "point of view" along a city block, right or left.

The Examiner's argument that the rotational camera movement of Ferreira is anticipatory of the method of claim 21 confuses movement of the "point of view" along a city block, as recited by Appellant's claim 21, with rotational movement of a camera at a stationary point. In Ferreira, a user may rotate the camera to move a viewing window left or right. See Ferreira utility app., p. 6, [0071]; Ferreira provisional app., p. 5. In Ferreira, however, the point of view is fixed during rotation. More specifically, the point of view is not moved "along a city block" as recited by claim 21. As noted above, to anticipate a claim a reference must teach "each and every element" of the claim. MPEP § 2131. The Examiner's interpretation, however, ignores the claim's recitation of movement of the "point of view" in a direction "along a city block" and incorrectly equates the recited movement of the "point of view" with Ferreira's rotational camera movement.

To move the camera to another fixed point location in Ferreira, there is a hyperlink at the end of every block or "street horizon." See Ferreira provisional application, p. 3. Once the camera is relocated, the camera may again be rotated around the new fixed point. See Ferreira provisional application, pp. 3, 5. This type of movement similarly does not teach scrolling a point of view left or right by moving the point of view in a direction along a city block while maintaining the point of view directed toward a group of adjacent storefronts.

Ferreira also teaches a zoom operation. See Ferreira provisional application, p. 5; and Ferreira utility app., p. 6, [0071]. The Ferreira zoom operation is not anticipatory of scrolling a point of view by moving the point of view in a direction along a city block while maintaining the point of view directed toward a group of adjacent storefronts.

During a zoom operation, the point of view remains stationary, while a center portion of the image is enlarged. Such an operation does not include movement of a point of view along a city block or scrolling left or right.

For these reasons, Ferreira fails to teach each and every element of claim 21. Appellant notes that claims 2-9 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 21. Thus, all of the above arguments with regard to claim 21 apply to claims 2-9 as well. Therefore, Appellant respectfully requests a complete reversal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 21 and 2-9.

C. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 22 AND DEPENDENT CLAIMS 11-13

Claim 22 recites a method comprising: providing a navigable image of a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block; scrolling a point of view of said navigable image left or right within an internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts; and communicating between a remote computer and said internet site to navigate said navigable image and select links within said navigable image. The Ferreira reference does not teach each and every element of claim 22 and does not show the identical method in as complete detail, arranged as required by the claim. Specifically, Ferreira does not teach scrolling a point of view of said navigable image left or right within an internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts.

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Ferreira also teaches a zoom operation. See Ferreira provisional application, p. 5; and Ferreira utility app., p. 6, [0071]. The Ferreira zoom operation is not anticipatory of scrolling a point of view by moving the point of view in a direction along a city block while maintaining the point of view directed toward a group of adjacent storefronts. During a zoom operation, the point of view remains stationary, while a center portion of the image is enlarged. Such an operation does not include movement of a point of view along a city block or scrolling left or right.

For these reasons, Ferreira fails to teach each and every element of claim 22. Appellant notes that claims 11-13 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 22. Thus, all of the above arguments with regard to claim 22 apply to claims 11-13 as well. Therefore, Appellant respectfully requests a complete reversal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 22 and 11-13.

D. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 23 AND DEPENDENT CLAIMS 15-17

Claim 23 recites a method comprising: scrolling images of an actual location as a navigable image on a website; and navigating said navigable image in a left or right manner by communicating commands from a remote computer to a server computer hosting said website that move a point of view of said navigable image in a direction along actual store window displays while maintaining said point of view directed toward said actual store window displays to give a viewer an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall while viewing said actual store window displays. The Ferreira reference does not teach each and every element of claim 23 and does not show the identical method in as complete detail, arranged as required by the claim. Specifically, Ferreira does not teach navigating said navigable image in a left or right manner by communicating commands that move a point of view of said navigable image in a direction along actual store window displays while maintaining said point of view directed toward said actual store window displays to give a viewer an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall while viewing said actual store window displays.

Compared to Ferreira, the following aspects of these claim limitations are distinctive: the "point of view" is moved in a direction along actual store window displays; the "point of view" is directed toward the actual store window displays while it is moved; and the viewer is given an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall while viewing said actual store window displays. Ferreira does not teach this type of navigation. In other words, viewing actual store window displays while

walking down the street would require one to walk with one's head turned over one's shoulder, in the direction of the store window displays. This is the impression given by navigating the navigable image in a left or right manner by moving the point of view in a direction along the actual store window displays while maintaining the point of view directed toward the actual store window displays.

Ferreira describes movement of a stationary camera around a fixed point. *See* Ferreira utility application, U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0034661, p. 6 [0071]; and Ferreira provisional, p. 5. Specifically, the Ferreira utility application provides:

The navigation may take place in a smooth and continuous manner, giving the user the impression of actual movement. That is, the user may feel that he or she is actually moving his or her head to get a different view of the city block.

Ferreira utility app., p. 6, [0071] (emphasis added).

The Ferreira provisional application similarly provides:

"Web-surfers will be able to use their mouse (or the arrows on their keyboard) to move the camera <u>around</u>. Simply clicking on the image and holding down either the left or right mouse button will alter the camera's perspective and create the appearance of movement. Camera functionality will include: pan left, pan right, pan up, and pan down, or any combination thereof, and zoom in and out."

Ferreira provisional app., p. 5 (emphasis added).

The camera movement described by Ferreira is "around" a fixed camera point. This is clear from the camera controls: pan left, pan right, pan up, and pan down. In Ferreira, when the camera pans up, the camera simply tilts back and points upward, as opposed to the camera raising off the ground toward the sky. When the camera pans down, the camera simply tilts forward and points downward, as opposed to the camera dropping down into the ground. Likewise, when the camera pans left or pans right, the

camera simply rotates to the left or to the right from the viewer's fixed location. As made clear by the utility application, this fixed point rotational movement is akin to moving the viewer's head around.

This is not the function of the method recited by claim 23, which recites moving a point of view in a direction along actual store window displays while maintaining the point of view directed toward the actual store window displays to give an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall while viewing said actual store window displays. In other words, rotation of a camera on a fixed point does not amount to movement of the "point of view" along a city block, right or left.

The Examiner's argument that the rotational camera movement of Ferreira is anticipatory of the method of claim 23 confuses movement of the "point of view" along actual store window displays, as recited by Appellant's claim 23, with rotational movement of a camera around a fixed point. In Ferreira, a user may rotate the camera to move a viewing window left or right. See Ferreira utility app., p. 6, [0071]; Ferreira provisional app., p. 5. In Ferreira, however, the point of view is fixed and stationary while it rotates. More specifically, the point of view is not moved "along actual store window displays" as recited by claim 23. As noted above, to anticipate a claim a reference must teach "each and every element" of the claim. MPEP § 2131. The Examiner's interpretation, however, ignores the claim's recitation of movement of the "point of view" in a direction "along actual store window displays" and incorrectly equates the recited movement of the "point of view" with Ferreira's rotational camera movement.

To move the camera to another fixed point location in Ferreira, there is a hyperlink at the end of every block or "street horizon." See Ferreira provisional application, p. 3. Once the camera is relocated, the camera may again be rotated around the new fixed point. See Ferreira provisional application, pp. 3, 5. This type of movement similarly does not teach moving the point of view in a direction along actual store window displays while maintaining the point of view directed toward the actual store window displays.

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For these reasons, Ferreira fails to teach each and every element of claim 23. Appellant notes that claims 15-17 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 23. Thus, all of the above arguments with regard to claim 23 apply to claims 15-17 as well. Therefore, Appellant respectfully requests a complete reversal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 23 and 15-17.

VIII. CLAIMS APPENDIX

LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1. (cancelled)
- 2. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising: transposing an actual image of an interior of a particular retailer of said group of adjacent storefronts as an alternative navigable image within said internet site; and providing customer selectable links within said alternative navigable image for providing detailed information of said particular retailer.
- (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
 providing customer selectable links within said navigable image for providing
 detailed information of particular goods of a particular retailer.
- (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
 providing customer selectable links within said alternative navigable image for
 providing detailed information of particular goods of said particular retailer.
- 5. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said group of adjacent storefronts is a downtown area of a community.

- 6. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said group of adjacent storefronts is a shopping center.
- 7. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said group of adjacent storefronts is a strip mall.
- (previously presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
 providing a purchasing interface whereby the remote customer may arrange for remote purchase of one of goods and services.
- 9. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising providing a customer perspective of said alternative navigable image and allowing a customer to virtually walk through said interior of said particular retailer of said group of adjacent storefronts.
- 10. (cancelled)
- 11. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, further comprising transposing actual images of said group of adjacent storefronts as said navigable image.
- 12. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said links provide detailed information for goods, services or a business.

- 13. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said communicating includes purchasing goods or services.
- 14. (cancelled)
- 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising transposing an actual image of said actual location as said navigable image.
- 16. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising selecting links within said navigable image to provide detailed information for goods, services or a business.
- 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising purchasing goods or services from said website by selecting a link within said navigable image.
- 18 20. (cancelled)
- 21. (previously presented) A method comprising:

transposing an actual image of a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block as a navigable image within an internet site;

allowing a user to scroll a point of view of said navigable image left or right within said internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction

along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts; and

providing customer selectable links within said navigable image.

22. (previously presented) A method comprising:

providing a navigable image of a group of adjacent storefronts along a city block; scrolling a point of view of said navigable image left or right within an internet site by moving said point of view of said navigable image in a direction along said city block while maintaining said point of view directed toward said group of adjacent storefronts; and

communicating between a remote computer and said internet site to navigate said navigable image and select links within said navigable image.

23. (previously presented) A method comprising:

scrolling images of an actual location as a navigable image on a website; and navigating said navigable image in a left or right manner by communicating commands from a remote computer to a server computer hosting said website that move a point of view of said navigable image in a direction along actual store window displays while maintaining said point of view directed toward said actual store window displays to give a viewer an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall while viewing said actual store window displays.

IX. EVIDENCE APPENDIX

A Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 was submitted on January 24, 2005. A copy is attached hereto as Appendix A.

X. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

No copies of decisions rendered by a court or the Board are submitted, as no decisions rendered were identified in section II above.

XI. CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the grounds of the Examiner's incorrect rejections have been addressed. Appellant therefore respectfully requests a complete reversal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 21-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Under 37 C.F.R § 41.37(c)(1)(ix), this Appendix A corresponds with Section IX, "Evidence Appendix," of Appellant's Appeal Brief and includes a copy of the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 submitted on January 24, 2005.

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VIRTUAL WINDOW SHOPPING

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Any graphic or electronic display portraying retail or professional establishments in a visual form representing a city or town streetscape or shopping mall storefront environment and the ability to provide information on behalf of an establishment portrayed through such a display.

Virtual Window Shopping is intended to be displayed on a computer or personal handheld device, using HTML and Javascript internet language as a platform.

Virtual Window Shopping is intended as a form of advertising for retail and professional establishment, their products and services only, represented in the manner stated above and in reference as related to the term and commonly associated as "Window Shopping". Virtual Window Shopping is always characteristic of a city or town streetscape or shopping mall storefront environment represented by a 3-D photographic or other graphic image having the ability to scroll and show movement, thereby having the appearance of and ability to provide "(Virtual) Window Shopping".

Storefronts may be represented through three-dimensional ("3-D") photographs or graphically, and stitched together to form a "city block" or section of a shopping mall or plaza. This representation would have the ability to move the point of view from left to right (or reverse) to give the viewer an impression of walking down a street or strolling through a mall. Actual store window displays would be visible in the view, which would represent the actual display as found in the physical storefront, and may be updated as necessary.

The viewer would have the ability to click a html link or "hot spot" on the street or mall scene which would change the scene to one of the following:

- Open a three-dimensional moving scene of the interior of the selected store, allowing the viewer to see merchandise on sale or view the services provided;
- 2. Open an adjacent street scene or area of a shopping mall (representative of "going down the block");
- 3. Open a display showing specific details of a highlighted item or service;
- Open a page containing an internet web site related to or provided by the specified store;
- Open a page containing more information on the specified location (for example, a directory board representing tenants of an office building);
- 6. Open a link to third-party software or javascript programming enabling computer-to-telephone communication which would allow the viewer to speak with representatives from the specified store or service in order to inquire on merchandise for sale, services provided or to make a purchase of an item viewed through this display.

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- FIG. 2 shows a typical community street scene using 3-D photography. There are directional links to adjacent areas (for example, "the next city block on that street").
- FIG. 3 shows a typical community street scene using graphic images.
- FIG. 4 shows an interior scene from a shopping mall using 3-D photography.

 There are directional links to adjacent areas or levels within the shopping mall.
- FIG. 5 shows the interior of a store displaying merchandise for sale using 3-D Photography.
- FIG. 6 shows the interior of a restaurant using 3-D photography.
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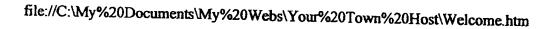
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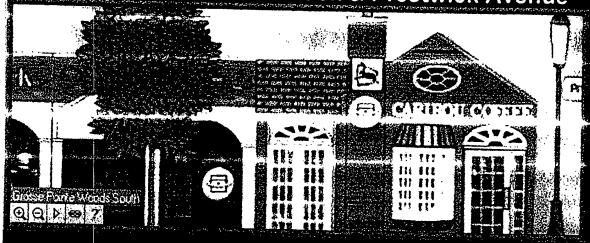


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